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Application of:

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For: IDENTIFICATION OF GENETIC TARGETS FOR MODULATION BY  
OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AND GENERATION OF OLIGONUCLEOTIDES FOR  
GENE MODULATION

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action mailed August 15, 2001 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims ~~57, 73, 88-98 and 103~~, and amend claims 55, 56, 58-60, 62-67, 69-72, 74, 75, 78-82, 85-87 and 99-102 to read as follows:

55. (Amended) A method of defining a set of compounds comprising:  
generating *in silico* virtual compounds according to thermodynamic property, target accessibility, targeting to functional regions of target nucleic acid sequence, or uniform distribution

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